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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)

John E. EBY et al.)

Serial No.: 09/287,631)

Filed: April 7, 1999)

For: SURFACE COVERINGS HAVING)
A NATURAL APPEARANCE AND)
METHODS TO MAKE A SURFACE)
COVERING HAVING A NATURAL)
APPEARANCE)

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

In response to the Office Action dated November 5, 2002, the period for response to which having been extended three-months to May 5, 2003, by the petition and fee filed herewith, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and continued examination of this application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 53 without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein.

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